

282nd Combat Communications Squadron

Unit Logo



List of Commanders:

156th TCGp - Col Irving G. Ray
Lt Col Joseph J. Doyle

156th TACCSq - Lt Col Thomas Campbell
Major Albert Hall

282nd CCS - Col John W. Baxter
Lt Col Richard Guglilmi
Col Girard F. Nardone II
Col Ernest R. Oliveira
Col William Richmond
Lt Col Anthony J. Fascitelli
Col Donald M. Lagor
Lt Col Christopher Hegarty
Lt Col Mark McGrath
Lt Col Scott Hoyle
Lt Col Joseph Walsh

Unit History

Attached below

Awards

1 Jan 82 - 31 Dec 83, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 85 - 31 Dec 86, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 93 - 31 Dec 94, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 97 - 31 Dec 98, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 May 00 - 30 Apr 02, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Federal Mission

The 282nd Combat Communications Squadron (CBCS) is responsible for the rapid deployment of an integrated force, capable of establishing initial Command and Control (C2) and ISR communications along with IO capabilities within any contingency operation to support expeditionary air and space forces. The unit is equipped with state-of-the art communications equipment and multi-skilled personnel who are both communications and functional experts with the ability to facilitate rapid deployment of scalable C2, ISR and IO. The unit will provide the "first-in" and "build-up" communications for deployed locations and will redeploy in accordance with a predetermined combat communications exit strategy.

State Mission

To provide ready, reliable and relevant war-fighters, equipment and communications and information systems that directly support the President and Secretary of Defense objectives or as directed by the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Anytime...Anywhere.

282nd Combat Communications Squadron North Smithfield, Rhode Island

The 282nd CCS came from the 156 Tactical Air Control Center Squadron. The 156 TACCSq was located on Pound Hill Rd, N. Smithfield, RI. The 156 TACCSq was actually located where at the lower site. The Commander of the organization was Lt Col Thomas Campbell. In July 1976, the 156 TACCSq moved to Read Schoolhouse Rd, Coventry, RI. The Group Headquarters for the 156 TACCSq was the 156 Tactical Control Group which was located in Cranston, RI. The 156 TCGp also commanded the 102 Tactical Control Squadron which was located on Old Oxford Rd, N. Smithfield, RI where the 282nd CCS is presently stationed today. The Group commander was Col Irving G. Ray. The site at Coventry, RI was an active duty Army missile control center (referred to as a NIKE site). CMSgt Timothy Buckley and SMSgt William Henry were the first ANG personnel to actually start the relocation process to Coventry. It was in 1978 that the 156th TACCSq actually became the 282 CCS. During the conversion we had active duty Air Force personnel assigned to Coventry from the 3rd Combat Communications, Tinker AFB, OK, who gave use equipment training for at least a couple of years. In October 1998, the 282nd CCS moved from Coventry to N. Smithfield, RI where it presently is today.

The 282nd CCS patch was created by Lt Col Kimberly Baumann and SMSgt William Henry in 1989. The design was sent to the USAF Historical Research Center, Maxwell AFB, AL and refined. The patch went to them and back to us several times before it was finally accepted. In May 1990 the patch was officially approved by the USAF and we had patches made. The significants of the colors are - blue and yellow are the colors of the Air Force. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe reflects the Squadron's worldwide communications capability. The arrowheads connected by the red lightning flashed suggest land based mobile communications equipment. The pole star and yellow lightning flashes encircling the globe represent the satellite links to ground based mobile units. The lightning bolts also symbolize the Squadron's quick response to contingency and special mission requirements.

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List of Commanders:

COL IRVIN G. RAY	1 APR 76 – 7 MAY 78
COL WILLIAM F. CARROLL JR.	7 MAY 78 – 26 JUN 79
COL LESTER W. CORY	26 JUN 79 – 2 MAR 88
COL JOHN W. BAXTER	2 MAR 88 – 5 DEC 92
COL GIRARD F. NARDONE II	5 DEC 92 – 9 JUL 95
COL ERNEST R. OLIVEIRA	9 JUL 95 – 4 MAY 97
WILLIAM A. RICHMOND III	4 MAY 97 – 3 NOV 02
COL DONALD M. LAGOR	3 NOV 02 – 23 NOV 04
COL DEAN A. PLOWMAN	23 NOV 04 – 8 MAR 09
COL MARK MCGRATH	8 MAR 09 - PRESENT

Unit History

Attached below

Mission Statement

The 281 Combat Communications Group (CCG) contains three Combat Communications Squadrons (CBCSs) and two Engineering and Installation Squadrons (EISs). The CBCSs install, operate, and maintain combat ready equipment and personnel packages, commonly called Unit Type Codes (UTCs), to provide deployable communications and information (C&I) capability in support of the Air Force Joint Forces Air Component Commander (JFACC) and the Air Force Forces (AFFOR) Commander. The EISs engineer, install, remove and relocate Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems. CCGs are lead elements of Combat Air Forces (CAF), providing the initial deployed communications capability that will later be sustained by other elements of the C&I community. The 281 CCG is aligned with the United States Central Command's Air Component - United States Central Area Air Forces (USCENTAF). The 281 CCG and 282 CBCS support Rhode Island state authorities with organized, equipped, and trained forces, ready to protect life, property, and the preservation of peace, order, and public safety for Rhode Island. These services include secure and non-secure Defense Switch-ing Network telephone services, unclassified and classified Internet, email services, video teleconferencing, and text messaging services. The group is responsible for establishing these stateside based telecommunications services in the forward de-ployed theater of operation. In conjunction with the Federal mission, the units of the 281CCG have a State mission to be organized, equipped, and trained to function effectively in the protection of life, property and the preservation of peace, order, and public safety under competent orders of State authorities

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North Smithfield, Rhode Island

The lineage of the 281st Combat Communications Group began with the 156 Tactical Control Group consisting of the 102 Tactical Control Squadron and 156 Tactical Control Squadron, Rhode Island, the 283 Tactical Control Squadron, Georgia and the 263 Tactical Control Squadron, North Carolina. On 1 April 1976, the 156 TCG was re-designated as the 281st Combat Communications Group (CCG) was established on 1 April 1976. Consisting of the 282 Combat Communications Squadron (CBCS), RI and the 283 CBCS, GA, the 281CCG supplied high frequency radio and telephone switch service and the longest range, highest channel capacity of any USAF Tactical Wideband radio system. In 1985, the 281 CCG was selected as the USAF Component of the Tactical Contingency Communications Equipment - Central Area (TCCE-CA) in support of the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM). The 281CCG performed the entire USAF portion of the joint TCCE-CA mission. The 263 CBCS, NC rejoined the 281CCG in 1988. In 1993, the 118 CBCS, NC was also assigned to the 281CCG. The 118th served a NATO Air Base Support (NABS) mission and then was converted to a NATO Initial Bed down mission. Following redeployment from Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in 2003, the 281CCG was re-missioned to support the USCENAF Air Command and Control Center (ACCC). In 2006, the 281CCG mission was modified to support USNORTHCOM, Headquarters Air Force and the National Guard Bureau Joint C4 Coordination Center (JCCC) in Homeland Defense. The group has been awarded numerous community service awards. It has also won the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 4 times.